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LIGHT BY THE WAY:

A Daily Scripture Text-Book for Little Children.

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Preface.

HAPPY are those of whom may now be said what is recorded concerning Timothy, "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation."

To impart such early, blessed knowledge, must be the earnest desire and endeavour of Christian parents or teachers, with regard to the "little ones" most dear to their hearts, whom they are seeking to "train up in the way" of holiness, pleasantness, and peace. This little text-book, "Light by the Way," has been arranged with a hope of giving some assistance in this labour of love. A single daily text committed to memory, or simply explained and enforced, may prove

the seed-corn which shall in future years spring up and bear fruit an hundredfold.

The Editor has bestowed much time and care in selecting such verses, alike of Scripture and of hymns, as should be really suitable and attractive for *children.* May the blessing of the Good Shepherd accompany this effort to "feed the lambs" from the green pastures of His own Word.

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LIGHT BY THE WAY.

January 1.

O SATISFY us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.—Ps. xc. 14.

Then my life will all be bright,
Thou wilt be my joy and light;
Then I shall not fear to die,
Heaven will be my home on high.

January 2.

I LOVE them that love Me; and those that seek Me early shall find Me.—Prov. viii. 17.

Thine is our youthful prime,
Our life and all its powers;
Be with us in our morning time,
And bless our evening hours.

January 3.

HER ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.—PROV. iii. 17.

Oh happy they who serve the Lord,
From youth to age His word obey;
His smile shall be their rich reward,
And crowns that cannot fade away.

January 4.

HOLD up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.—PS. xvii. 5.

Then, lest my feeble steps should slide,
And wander from Thy way,
Lord, condescend to be my Guide,
That I may never stray.

January 5.

SUFFER the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God.—MARK x. 14.

I think, when I read the sweet story of old,
How when Jesus was here among men,
He called little children as lambs to His fold,
I should like to have been with Him then.

January 6.

AND He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.—MARK x. 16.

I wish that His hands had been placed on my head,
That His arms had been thrown around me,—
That I might have heard His sweet voice when He said,
"Let the little ones come unto Me."

January 7.

HONOUR thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.—EX. XX. 12.

To thy father and thy mother
Honour, love, and reverence pay,—
This command, before all other,
Must a Christian child obey.

January 8.

A WISE son maketh a glad father, but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.—PROV. X. 1.

Teach me how to please and gladden
Those who toil and care for me;
Many a grief their hearts must sadden,
Let me still their comfort be!

January 9.

REMEMBER the Sabbath-day, to keep it holy.—Ex. xx. 8.

I 'll leave my sport to read and pray,
And so prepare for heaven ;
Oh may I love this blessed day
The best of all the seven !

January 10.

SEARCH the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me.—JOHN v. 39.

This is a precious book indeed !
Happy the child that loves to read !
'Tis God's own word, which He has given,
To show our souls the way to heaven.

January 11.

ASK, and it shall be given you ; seek, and ye shall find ; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.—MATT. vii. 7.

God is so good that He will hear
Whenever children humbly pray ;
He always lends a gracious ear
To what the youngest child can say.

January 12.

AND in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.—MARK i. 35.

I wish to be like Jesus,
So frequently in prayer;
Alone upon the mountain side
He met His Father there.

January 13.

AND it came to pass, that, as He was praying in a certain place, . . . one of His disciples said unto Him, Lord, teach us to pray.—LUKE xi. 1.

O Thou by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way;—
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod,
Lord, teach us how to pray!

January 14.

THE imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth.—GEN. viii. 21.

Lord, look upon a little child,
By nature sinful, rude, and wild;
Oh! put Thy gracious hands on me,
And make me all I ought to be.

January 15.

CREATE in me a clean heart, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within me.—s. li. 10.

I feel there is no strength in me
To do that work alone;
But, Lord, I come and look to Thee
To change the heart of stone.

January 16.

EVEN a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.—PROV. xx. 11.

My God, I am a feeble child,
Oh! teach me to obey;
With humble fear to serve Thee here,
To watch, and praise, and pray.

January 17.

BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.—ACTS xvi. 31.

My love is weak, my faith is dim,
But grace I ask from Thee,
That I may prove my love to Him
Who loved and died for me.

January 18.

I AM the good shepherd; the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. —JOHN X. 11.

Jesus is our Shepherd, for the sheep He bled,
Every lamb is sprinkled with the blood He shed;
Then on each He setteth His own sacred sign,
They that have My Spirit, these, saith He, are mine.

January 19.

HE shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom.—ISA. xl. 11.

See Israel's tender Shepherd stand,
With all-engaging charms;
Hark how He calls the tender lambs,
And folds them in His arms!

January 20.

I WILL both lay me down in peace, and sleep; for Thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.—Ps. iv. 8.

Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me!
Bless Thy little lamb to-night;
Through the darkness be Thou near me
Watch my sleep till morning light.

January 21.

IN the morning will I direct my prayer to Thee, and will look up.—Ps. v. 3.

Thou hast kept me through the night,
Lord of darkness and of light;
Help me now, O Lord, I pray,
Let me live for Thee to-day.

January 22.

LET not thine heart envy sinners, but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.—Prov. xxiii. 17.

From every ill this day defend,
But guard me most from sin;
Direct my going out, O Lord,
And bless my coming in.

January 23.

BLESSED are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.—Matt. v. 6.

Blest are the souls that thirst for grace,
Hunger and long for righteousness;
They shall be well supplied, and fed
With living streams and living bread.

January 24.

BLESSED are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.—MATT. v. 9.

When envy, strife, and wars begin
In little angry souls,
Mark how the sons of peace come in,
And quench the kindling coals.

January 25.

HE that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.—PROV. xiii. 20.

Away from fools I'll turn mine eyes,
Nor with the scoffers go;
I would be walking with the wise,
That wiser I may grow.

January 26.

THE eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.—PROV. xv. 3.

God is in heaven—can He see
When I am doing wrong?
Yes, that He can; He looks at thee
All day, and all night long.

January 27.

BELOVED, let us love one another; for love is of God.—1 JOHN iv. 7.

The God of heaven is pleased to see
A little family agree;
And will not slight the praise they bring,
When loving children join to sing.

January 28.

HE that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love.—1 JOHN iv. 8.

Come let us all unite to sing,
God is love!
While heaven and earth their praises bring,
God is love!

January 29.

LYING lips are abomination to the Lord, but they that deal truly are His delight.—PROV. xii. 22.

Have we not known, nor heard, nor read
How God abhors deceit and wrong?
How Ananias was struck dead,
Caught with a lie upon his tongue?

January 30.

IT is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.—HEB. ix. 27.

Oh may we stand before the Lamb
When earth and seas are fled,
And hear the Judge pronounce our name,
With blessings on our head!

January 31.

THERE shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.—REV. xxi. 4.

Here many a pain and bitter groan
Our feeble bodies tear;
But pain and sickness are not known,
And never shall be, there.

February 1.

MY Father, Thou art the guide of my youth.—JER. iii. 4.

Art Thou my Father? let me be
A meek, obedient child to Thee,
And strive in word, and deed, and thought,
To serve and love Thee as I ought.

February 2.

LIKE as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. —Ps. ciii. 13.

Art Thou my Father? I 'll depend
Upon the care of such a Friend,
And only wish to do and be
Whatever seemeth good to Thee.

February 3.

IN My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. —JOHN xiv. 2.

Art Thou my Father? then at last,
When all my days on earth are past,
Send down and take me in Thy love
To be Thy better child above.

February 4.

ENTER ye in at the strait gate, . . . because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life.—MATT. vii. 13, 14.

The way to heaven is narrow,
And its entrance very strait;
But how blest are little pilgrims
Who get within the gate!

February 5.

O GOD, Thou art my God; early will I seek Thee.—Ps. lxiii. 1.

The sunbeams of the morning
Make the narrow path so fair!
And these early little pilgrims
Find dewy blessings there.

February 6.

THY shoes shall be iron and brass; and as thy days, so shall thy strength be. —Deut. xxxiii. 25.

They pass o'er rugged mountains,
But they climb them with a song,
For these early little pilgrims
Have sandals new and strong.

February 7.

OPEN Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.—Ps. cxix. 18.

Oh may these heavenly pages be
My ever dear delight!
And still new beauties may I see,
And still increasing light!

February 8.

HE shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.—Ps. lxxii. 8.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

February 9.

AND men shall be blessed in Him; all nations shall call Him blessed.—Ps. lxxii. 17.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns,
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

February 10.

AND ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.—JER. xxix. 13.

Oh! let me never, never dare
To act the trifler's part,
Or think that God will hear a prayer
Which comes not from the heart.

February 11.

MY son, give Me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe My ways.—PROV. xxiii. 26.

And if I make His ways my choice,
As holy children do;
Then, while I seek Him with my voice,
My heart shall love Him too.

February 12.

THERE is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.—JOB xxxiv. 22.

Among the deepest shades of night
Can there be One who sees my way?
Yes; God is like a shining light
That turns the darkness into day.

February 13.

CONSIDER the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin.—MATT. vi. 28.

How dearly God must love us,
And this poor world of ours,
To spread blue skies above us,
And deck the earth with flowers!

February 14.

AND yet I say unto you, that even Solomon, in all his glory, was not arrayed like one of these.—MATT. vi. 29.

The tulip and the butterfly
Appear in gayer clothes than I;
Let me be dressed fine as I will,
Flies, worms, and flowers exceed me still.

February 15.

THE ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.—1 PET. iii. 4.

Then will I set my heart to find
Inward adornings of the mind.
Knowledge and meekness, truth and grace,
These are the robes of richest dress.

February 16.

O COME, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.—Ps. xcv. 6.

I often *say* my prayers,
But do I ever pray?
And do the wishes of my heart
Go with the words I say?

February 17.

GOD is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.—JOHN iv. 24.

I may as well kneel down
And worship gods of stone,
As offer to the living God
A prayer of words alone.

February 18.

AND they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.—LUKE xiii. 29.

Yes, all shall dwell together
Who once were far apart:
All who have served the Saviour
With hand, and tongue, and heart.

February 19.

ALL things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.—MATT. vii. 12.

Oh that the Saviour's heavenly law
My constant rule might be,—
To do to others as I would
That they should do to me!

February 20.

BE kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love.—ROM. xii. 10.

No vexing speech, or act unkind,
Would then from me proceed,
But love and gentleness direct
My every word and deed.

February 21.

AS the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you; continue ye in My love. —JOHN xv. 9.

Saviour, teach me day by day
Love's sweet lesson to obey;
Sweeter lesson cannot be,
Loving Him who first loved me.

February 22.

IF ye love Me, keep My commandments.—JOHN xiv. 15.

With a child-like heart of love
At Thy bidding may I move;
Quick to serve and follow Thee,
Loving Him who first loved me.

February 26.

WHAT is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?—MATT. xvi. 26.

Lord, keep my precious soul
Safe by Thy grace divine!
If that were lost, oh! I am poor
Though all the world were mine!

February 27.

THOU shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man.—LEV. xix. 32.

From agèd relatives and friends
How much of wisdom we may learn!
Oh! may our tender help and love
Cheer all their sorrows in return.

February 28.

GREAT peace have they that love Thy law, and nothing shall offend them.—Ps. cxix. 165.

With gladness may I do Thy will,
May praise my tongue employ,
And may Thy Holy Spirit fill
My heart with peace and joy.

[February 29.]

JESUS Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.—HEB. xiii. 8.

Oh that, with yonder ransomed throng,
We at His feet may fall;
Join in the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

March 1.

REMEMBER now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not.—ECCL. xii. 1.

When we devote our youth to God
'Tis pleasing in His eyes;
A flower when offered in the bud
Is no vain sacrifice.

March 2.

LAY not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal.—MATT. vi. 19.

Lord, may the precious wealth be ours
Which cannot know decay,
Which moth and rust shall ne'er devour,
Nor spoilers take away.

March 3.

SET your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.—COL. iii. 2.

Oh may our young hearts' treasure
Be found in things above,
And this our dearest pleasure,
The Lord to praise and love!

March 4.

TURN not to the right hand nor to the left; remove thy feet from evil.—PROV. iv. 27.

'Tis a friend's loving counsel, the voice of a guide,
How gentle, and faithful, and true!
No harm can the dear little pilgrims betide,
Whose feet its direction pursue.

March 5.

CALL the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable.—ISA. lviii. 13.

In holy duties let the day
In holy pleasures pass away.
How sweet a Sabbath thus to spend,
In hope of one that ne'er shall end!

March 6.

EVERY good gift, and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights.—JAMES i. 17.

Yes, day by day God gives us
Our raiment and our food;
In sickness He relieves us,
And is in all things good.

March 7.

ARE not five sparrows sold for two farthings; and not one of them is forgotten before God?—LUKE xii. 6.

Yes, our God, the Lord of all,
Counts the sparrows as they fall;
He will never turn away
When His children weep or pray.

March 8.

FEAR not, therefore; ye are of more value than many sparrows.—LUKE xii. 7.

The birds without barn or storehouse are fed,
From them let us learn to trust for our bread;
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied,
So long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."

March 9.

I WAS glad when they said
Let us go into the house of
—Ps. cxxii. 1.

To-day with pleasure Christians me
To pray and hear Thy Word;
And I would go with cheerful feet
To learn Thy will, O Lord.

March 10.

MAKE me to go in the path
commandments, for there
delight.—Ps. cxix. 35.

Make me to walk in Thy command
'Tis a delightful road;
Nor let my tongue, nor heart, nor h
Offend against my God.

March 11.

MY sheep hear My voice, an
them, and they follow M
x. 27.

Jesus is our Shepherd, well we know H
How its lightest whisper makes our hea
Even when He chideth, tender is its to
None but He shall guide us, we are W

March 12.

FROM a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation.—2 TIM. iii. 15.

Oh that I, like Timothy,
Might the Holy Scriptures know,
From mine early infancy,
'Till for heaven mature I grow.

March 13.

MY son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother.—PROV. i. 8.

They loved me before I could know
Who it was that so tenderly smiled;
And I hope that as older I grow
I shall still be a dutiful child.

March 14.

MY son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.—PROV. i. 10.

Thy heart is weak, thy strength is small,
Ready to stumble and to fall,
Oh! seek the Saviour's grace and power,
His Spirit's help, in danger's hour.

March 15.

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[illegible] our hearts [illegible]

[illegible] words of bliss!

March 16.

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March 15.

NOW Jesus loved Mary, and her sister, and Lazarus.—JOHN xi. 5.

For ever blessed be His name,
No earthly love like His;
Oh may it draw our hearts to Him,
And to the world of bliss!

March 16.

AND He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.—MARK iv. 39.

Jesus, who bade the tempest cease,
And calmed the raging sea,
Can in my bosom whisper "Peace,"
And say "Be still" to me.

March 17.

GOD so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—JOHN iii. 16.

Sing of the wonders of His love,
And praise and glory give,
To Him who left His throne above,
And died that we might live.

March 18.

HOW shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?—HEB. ii. 3.

Lord, turn us, and we shall be turned
From all the delusions of sin!
Henceforth may we all be concerned
The glories of heaven to win.

March 19.

HOLD up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.—Ps. xvii. 5.

From every sin that wounds the heart,
May I be taught to flee;
Oh, bid them all from me depart;
Dear Lord, remember me!

March 20

TEACH me to do Thy will, for Thou art my God: Thy Spirit is good; lead me unto the land of uprightness.—Ps. cxliii. 10.

Now, in my early days,
Teach me Thy will to know;
O Lord, Thy sanctifying grace
Betimes on me bestow.

March 21.

THE lip of truth shall be established for ever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment.—PROV. xii. 19.

For liars we can never trust,
Even when they say the thing that 's true,
And he that does one fault at first,
And lies to hide it, makes it two.

March 22.

I WILL shew thee that which is noted in the Scripture of truth.—DAN. x. 21.

Book of grace, and book of glory,
Gift of God to age and youth,
Wondrous is thy sacred story,
Bright, bright with truth !

March 23.

BE ye, therefore, followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us.—EPH. v. 1, 2.

Make us of one heart and mind,
Courteous, pitiful, and kind;
Lowly, meek, in thought and word,
Altogether like our Lord.

March 24.

THY will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.—MATT. vi. 10.

And, Lord, whatever grief or ill
For me may be in store,
Make me submissive to Thy will,
And I would ask no more.

March 25.

THE beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water; therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.—PROV. xvii. 14.

Angry words are lightly spoken,
Bitter thoughts are rashly stirred;
Brightest links of love are broken
By a single angry word.

March 26.

THEY that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.—Ps. cxxv. 1.

Happy they who trust in Jesus!
Young or old, how safe and blest!
What can shake the strong foundation
Where their hopes and comforts rest?

March 27.

MY son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him.—HEB. xii. 5.

Whate'er Thy holy will ordains
Oh, give me strength to bear!
Oh, let me know my Father reigns,
And trust His tender care!

March 28.

IF any man serve Me, let him follow Me, and where I am, there shall also My servant be.—JOHN xii. 26.

Oh, be His service all my joy!
Around let my example shine,
Till others love the blest employ,
And join in labours so divine!

March 29.

THEY shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord.—ISA. xi. 9.

The sword and spear of needless worth
Shall prune the tree and plough the earth,
And peace shall smile from shore to shore,
And nations learn to war no more.

March 30.

IF ye love Me, keep My commandments. —JOHN xiv. 15.

Love in loving finds employ,
In obedience all her joy;
Ever new that joy will be,
Loving Him who first loved me.

March 31.

AND I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth.—JOHN xiv. 16, 17.

Come, Holy Spirit, come,
Let Thy bright beams arise!
Dispel all sorrow from our minds,
All darkness from our eyes.

April 1.

AND she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word.—LUKE x. 39.

Lord, grant us at Thy feet to sit,
Like Mary, day by day;
And teach us that good part to choose,
Which none shall take away.

April 2.

AND Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things; but one thing is needful.—Luke x. 41, 42.

The one thing needful is to have
Our souls prepared for heaven;
Such grace the little ones may crave,
Such grace to them is given.

April 3.

AND Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.—Luke ii. 52.

Like Him may we be found below,
In wisdom's path of peace;
Like Him in grace and knowledge grow,
As years and strength increase.

April 4.

WHEN my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up. —Ps. xxvii. 10.

If dearest earthly friends should die,
And leave me mourning here,
Since God regards the orphan's cry,
Oh! what have I to fear?

April 5.

WHO, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not.—1 PET. ii. 23.

O Thou who wast so meek and mild,
Thou gentle Saviour, hear our cry,
And help a weak and sinful child
Each rising passion to deny

April 6.

FOR we must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ.—2 COR. v. 10.

Then, O my God, prepare,
My soul for that great day;
Oh, wash me in Thy precious blood,
And take my sins away!

April 7.

THE Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters.—Ps. xxiii. 1, 2.

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy fold prepare.

April 8.

ALL we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way.—Isa. liii. 6.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
Be the Guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
Seek us when we go astray.

April 9.

THE Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.—Ps. cxlv. 18.

His hand is my perpetual guard,
He guides me with His eye;
Why should I then forget the Lord,
Who is for ever nigh?

April 10.

BOTH young men and maidens, old men and children, let them praise the name of the Lord.—Ps. cxlviii. 12, 13.

'Tis good for boys and maidens
Sweet hymns to Christ to sing;
'Tis meet that children's voices
Should praise the children's King.

April 11.

AND a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great.—REV. xix. 5.

And those who, in humble and lowly fear,
With child-like faith and love,
Have served the Lord as their Master here,
Shall praise the Lord above.

April 12.

REMEMBER me, O my God, for good. —NEH. xiii. 31.

Soon as my youthful lips can speak
Their feeble prayer to Thee,
Oh, let my heart Thy favour seek :
Dear Lord, remember me !

April 13.

FOR ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor.—2 COR. viii. 9.

He who reigns above the sky
Once became as poor as I ;
He whose blood for us was shed,
Had not where to lay His head.

April 14.

THINE eyes shall see the King in His beauty; they shall behold the land that is very far off.—ISA. xxxiii. 17.

There everlasting spring abides,
And never-withering flowers;
Death, like a narrow sea, divides
That heavenly land from ours.

April 15.

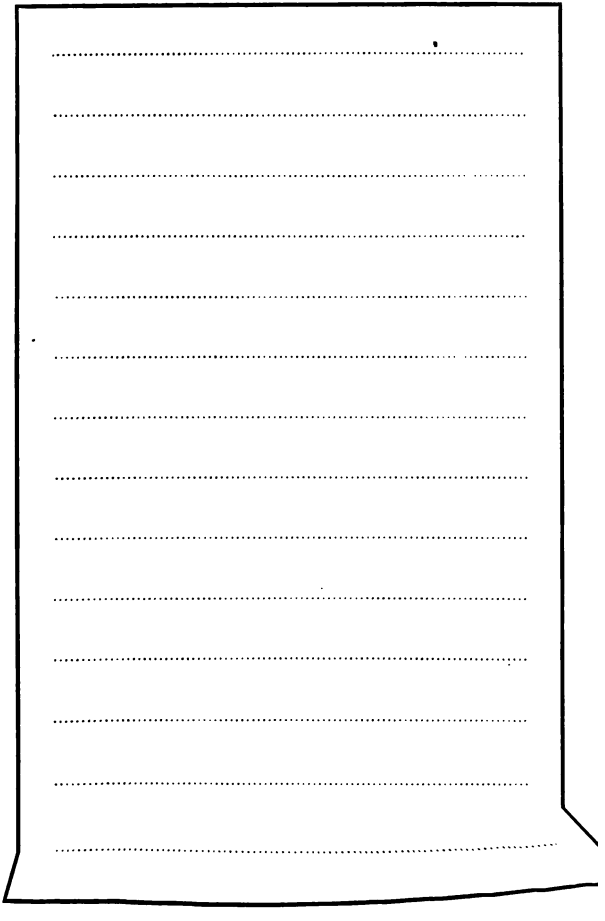
BEHOLD, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. —2 COR. vi. 2.

Now is the accepted time,
The Saviour calls to-day;
To-morrow it may be too late,
Then why should we delay?

April 16.

AND Samuel was laid down to sleep: and the Lord called Samuel, and he answered, Here am I.—1 SAM. iii. 3, 4.

If God would speak to me,
And say He was my friend,
How happy I should be!
Oh, how would I attend!



April 17.

SEEK ye the Lord while He may be found; call ye upon Him while He is near.—ISA. lv. 6.

And does He never speak?
Oh, yes; for in His Word
He bids me come and seek
The God that Samuel heard.
In almost every page I see
The God of Samuel calls to me.

April 18.

AND the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel! Then Samuel answered, Speak; for Thy servant heareth.—1 SAM. iii. 10.

Like Samuel, let me say,
Whene'er I read His Word,
Speak, Lord, I would obey
The voice that I have heard.

April 19.

AND I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps, and they sung as it were a new song before the throne.—REV. xiv. 2, 3.

These are the hymns that we shall know
If Jesus we obey;
That is the place where we shall go
If found in wisdom's way.

April 20.

ALL Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.—2 Tim. iii. 16.

How precious is the Book divine
By inspiration given!
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,
To guide our souls to heaven.

April 21.

THY Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.—Ps. cxix. 105.

This lamp through all the tedious night
Of life shall guide our way,
Till we behold the clearer light
Of an eternal day.

April 22.

SERVE the Lord with gladness; co
before His presence with singing
Ps. c. 2.

Saints below, with heart and voice,
Still in songs of praise rejoice,
Learning here, by faith and love,
Songs of praise to sing above.

April 23.

OUR fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.—JOHN vi. 31.

Day by day the manna fell,
Oh, to learn this lesson well!
Still by constant bounty fed,
Give us, Lord, our daily bread.

April 24.

AND Jesus said unto them, I am the Bread of Life; he that cometh to Me shall never hunger.—JOHN vi. 35.

O Lord, we come to Thee,
Thyself our portion be!
Take away all desire for sin or vanity!

April 25.

BUT the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.—GAL. v. 22, 23.

The men of grace have found
Glory begun below:
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
From faith and hope may grow.

April 26.

BLESSED is the people that knov joyful sound; they shall wall Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.-lxxxix. 15.

The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
Or tread the golden streets.

April 27.

YEA, they shall sing in the ways o Lord; for great is the glory ol Lord.—Ps. cxxxviii. 5.

Then let our songs abound,
And every tear be dry;
We 're marching through Immanuel's grou
To fairer worlds on high.

April 28.

THE wicked is driven away ir wickedness; but the righteous hope in his death.—PROV. xiv. 32.

Never let our footsteps stray
In the wicked's dreadful way!
In the paths of faith and love,
Guide us to our home above.

April 29.

BEAR ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.—GAL. vi. 2.

O Saviour, send us from above
More of Thy gifts of peace and love!
Teach us to soothe each other's care,
Gladly each other's burdens bear.

April 30.

FOR a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand: I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.—Ps. lxxxiv. 10.

One day amid the place
Where my dear Lord hath been,
Is sweeter than ten thousand days
Of pleasurable sin.

May 1.

FOR lo! the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing of birds is come.—SONG OF SOL. ii. 12.

Join the grateful, happy throng,
Cast all selfish care away,
Birds and brooks shall tune our song,
This is nature's holiday.

May 2.

HE causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man.—Ps. civ. 14.

I sing the goodness of the Lord
  That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures by His word,
  And then pronounced them good.

May 3.

LET everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.—Ps. cl. 5.

Glory to God, and praise and power,
  Honour and thanks be given;
Children and cherubim adore
  The Lord of earth and heaven!

May 4.

IN the fear of the Lord is strong confidence, and His children shall have a place of refuge.—PROV. xiv. 26.

God is our refuge and our strength,
  In straits a present aid;
Therefore, although the earth remove,
  We will not be afraid.

May 5.

BETTER is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure, and trouble therewith.—PROV. xv. 16.

Lord, bless our little store,
We ask and wish no more.
Sad homes, where riches may abound,
If love and peace are seldom found.

May 6.

THY Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.—Ps. cxix. 11.

Oh, write upon my memory, Lord,
The texts and doctrines of Thy Word,
That I may break Thy laws no more,
But love Thee better than before!

May 7.

PLEASANT words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.—PROV. xvi. 24.

A wise and holy word,
It falls as doth the dew,
A sweet refreshment to afford
And virtue's strength renew.

May 8.

SET a watch, O Lord, before my mouth, keep the door of my lips.—Ps. cxli. 3.

What evils sad and sore
Pass through that open door!
Lord, guard my lips, and day by day
Grant me Thy grace to watch and pray!

May 9.

WITH good-will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men.—EPH. vi. 7.

How many serve, how many more
May to Thy service come!
Christ has His young men at the war,
His little ones at home.

May 10.

HONOUR thy father and thy mother, the Lord thy God hath commanded thee.—DEUT. v. 16.

King of kings! Jehovah-jireh!
Thou art God, there is no other.
From of old we hear Thee saying,
Thou shalt honour father, mother.

May 11.

ASK, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.—LUKE xi. 9.

They 're all waiting within, and the feast is pre-
What folly to tarry and wait! [pared,
Let every one come in obedient haste,
And knock at the heavenly gate.

May 12.

THE wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. —ISA. XXXV. 1.

Come, kingdom of our God!
And make the broad earth shine;
Stretch o'er her lands and isles the rod
That flowers with grace divine.

May 13.

WATCH and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.—MATT. xxvi. 41.

Oh, make me swift to fly
The first approach to sin!
Look up to Thee when danger 's nigh,
And feel Thy fear within.

May 14.

BLESSED is the man that feareth th Lord, that delighteth greatly in Hi commandments.—Ps. cxii. 1.

Fear Him, ye young, and ye shall then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make you His service your delight,
He 'll make your wants His care.

May 15.

SURELY I have behaved and quiete myself, as a child that is weaned his mother.—Ps. cxxxi. 2.

Quiet, Lord, my froward heart;
Make me teachable and mild,
Upright, simple, free from art;
Make me as a weaned child.

May 16.

THE Lord make you to increase abound in love one toward an and toward all men.—1 THESS. iii. 12.

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

May 17.

FROM the rising of the sun, unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.—Ps. cxiii. 3.

From east to west, from north to south,
Then be His name adored;
Let earth, with all its millions, shout
Hosanna to the Lord!

May 18.

AND the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David!—MATT. xxi. 15.

Hosanna be the children's song,
To Christ the children's King!
His praise, to whom our souls belong,
Let all the children sing.

May 19.

THERE is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God.—Ps. xlvi. 4.

Upon its banks the tree of life
Grows ever green and fair;
There comes no winter to that land,
There blows no tempest there.

May 20.

AND the twelve gates were twelve pearls, and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.—REV. xxi. 21.

The city of the skies, whereof
Such glorious things are told;
How shall we gain its shining gates,
Or tread its streets of gold?

May 21.

BLESSED are they that do His commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.—REV. xxii. 14.

Oh, may His grace direct our steps
That blessed home to gain,
Beyond the wants of this poor world,
And all its splendours vain!

May 22.

GOD now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.—ACTS xvii. 30.

'Tis not enough to *say*,
"I'm sorry, and repent;"
Yet still go on from day to day,
Just as we always went.

May 23.

HE that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.—PROV. xxviii. 13.

Repentance is to leave
The sins we loved before,
And show that we in earnest grieve,
By doing so no more.

May 24.

THANKS be unto God for His unspeakable gift.—2 COR. ix. 15.

Lift up to God the voice of praise,
From whom salvation flows,
Who sent His Son our souls to save
From everlasting woes.

May 25.

I WILL delight myself in Thy statutes: I will not forget Thy word.—Ps. cxix. 16.

I 'll read the histories of Thy love,
And keep Thy laws in sight,
While through the promises I rove
With ever new delight.

May 26.

OUR fathers trusted in Thee: the trusted, and Thou didst deliver them —Ps. xxii. 4.

Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before Thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers! be the God
Of their succeeding race!

May 27.

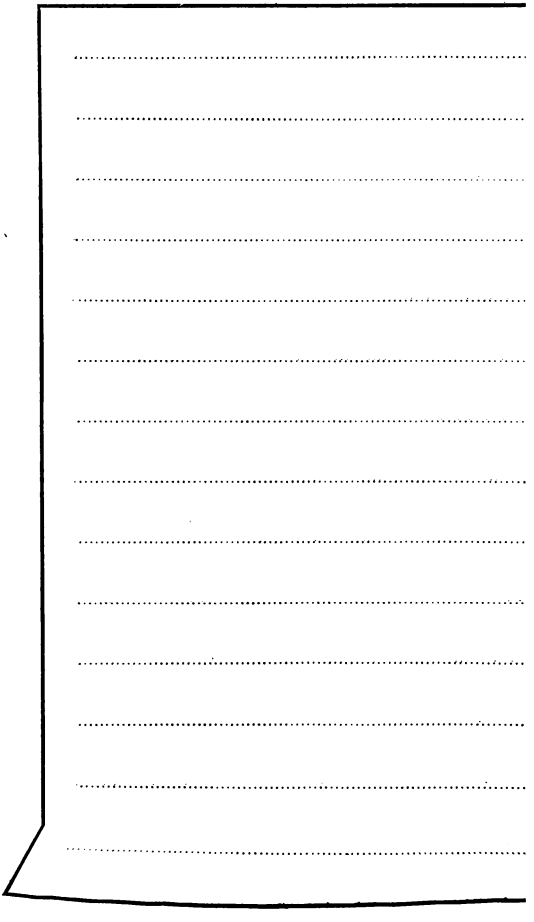
AND having food and raiment, let u be therewith content.—1 Tim. vi. 8

Not more than others I deserve,
Yet God has given me more;
For I have food, while others starve,
Or beg from door to door.

May 28.

FOR He remembered His holy pr mise, and Abraham His servant.— Ps. cv. 42.

Sweet title that delighteth me,—
Rank earnestly implored,—
Oh! what can reach that dignity?
Make me Thy servant, Lord!



May 29.

NO man can serve two masters; . . . ye cannot serve God and mammon.—MATT. vi. 24.

I will serve the Lord while my heart is fixed
With the zeal of youthful days,
And I will not wait till my feet are tired
In the world's weary ways.

May 30.

AND the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient.—2 TIM. ii. 24.

I 'll bring each angry feeling
A sacrifice to Thee;
I 'll ask Thy heavenly healing—
Even for an enemy.

May 31.

WELL done, thou good and faithful servant, . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.—MATT. xxv. 21.

I know not whether long or short
My service here shall be;
But, oh! at last may that "Well done"
Be spoken, Lord, to me

June 1.

AND thou shalt call His name for He shall save His peopl their sins.—MATT. i. 21.

How sweet the name of Jesus sounc
In a believer's ear !
It soothes his sorrow, heals his wou
And drives away his fear.

June 2.

LET every one that nameth the r Christ depart from iniquity.— ii. 19.

Oh ! for the will to keep
The way we know is right !
And may that way, though steep,
Be our delight.

June 3.

AND he shall be like a tree plan the rivers of water, that b forth his fruit in his season : his leaf, als not wither.—Ps. i. 3.

He like a tree shall thrive,
With waters near the root ;
Fresh as the leaf His name shall live
His works are heavenly fruit.

June 4.

THE ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.—Ps. i. 4.

Not so the ungodly race,
They no such blessings find,
Their hopes shall flee, like empty chaff
Before the driving wind.

June 5.

AS the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth, even for ever.—Ps. cxxv. 2.

As mountains stood to guard
The city's sacred ground,
So God and His almighty love
Embrace His saints around.

June 6.

JESUS wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how He loved him!—JOHN xi. 35, 36.

Though He came from death to save,
Yet He wept beside the grave.
Jesus wept! and well He knows
How to comfort all our woes.

June 7.

DEARLY beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath.—ROM. xii. 19.

When our angry passions rise,
Tempting to revenge an ill,
Now subdue it, Conscience cries;
Do command your temper still.

June 8.

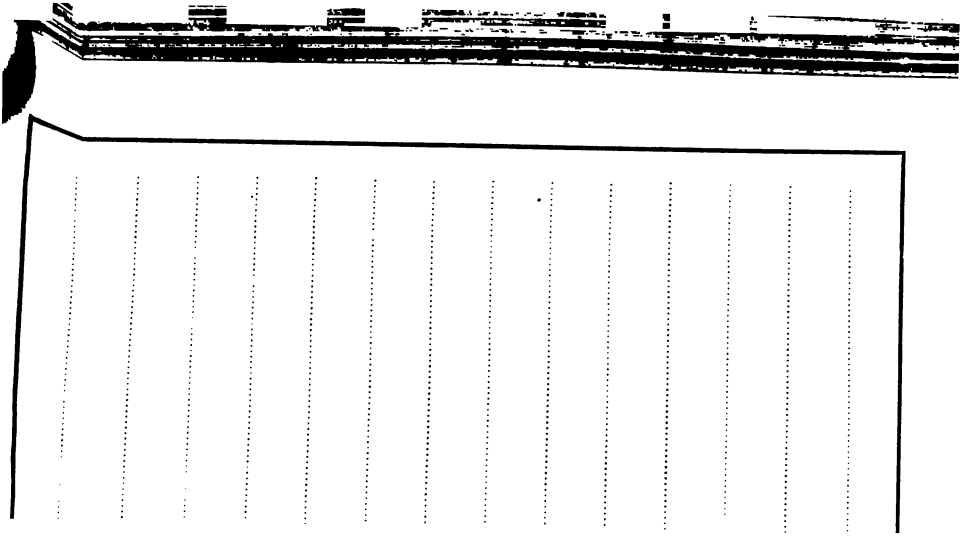
THIS book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night.—JOSH. i. 8.

This is a precious book indeed;
Happy the child that loves to read!
'Tis God's own Word, which He has given
To show our souls the way to heaven.

June 9

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for H is good: for His mercy endureth f ever.—Ps. cxxxvi. 1.

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for He is kind;
For His mercies still endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.



June 10.

CHRIST also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps.—1 PET. ii. 21.

Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour,
Once became a child like me;
Oh that in my whole behaviour
He my pattern still may be!

June 11.

WHO did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.—1 PET. ii. 22.

All my nature is unholy,
Pride and passion dwell within;
But the Lord was meek and lowly,
He was never known to sin.

June 12.

HEAR Thou in heaven Thy dwelling-place; and when Thou hearest, forgive.—1 KINGS viii. 30.

God of pity, God of grace,
When we humbly seek Thy face,
Bend from heaven, Thy dwelling-place—
Hear, forgive, and save.

June 13.

LET the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.—Ps. xix. 14.

God of love! on Thee we all
Humbly for Thy guidance call;
Save us from the evil tongue,
From the heart that thinketh wrong.

June 14.

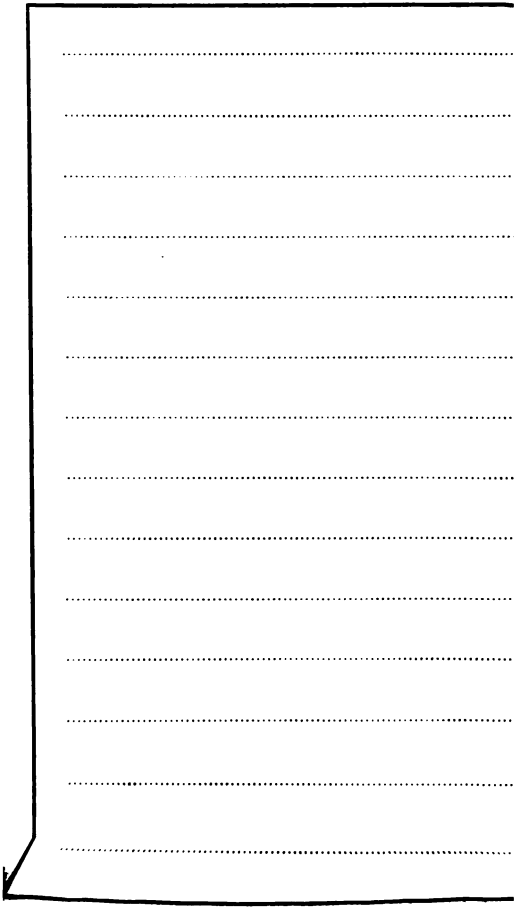
HE that hath a bountiful eye shall b
blessed; for he giveth of his bread
the poor.—Prov. xxii. 9.

Happy is he who fears the Lord,
And follows His commands;
Who lends the poor without reward,
Or gives with liberal hands.

June 15.

BE ye all of one mind, having
passion one of another; l
brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.—
iii. 8.

Oh, be kind to each other!
The night's coming on,
When friend and when brothe
Perchance may be gone.



June 16.

THINE own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not.—PROV. xxvii. 10.

Change not with the morrow,
  Should fortune take wing;
But the deeper the sorrow,
  The closer still cling.

June 17.

REMEMBER not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.—Ps. xxv. 7.

Lord, forgive me day by day
Debts I cannot hope to pay;
Duties I have left undone,
Evils I have failed to shun.

June 18.

WHEN Thou saidst, Seek ye My face, my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.—Ps. xxvii. 8.

The soul that longs to find Thy grace
  Is sure Thy grace to gain;
And they that early seek Thy face,
  Shall never seek in vain.

June 19.

HEARKEN unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God; for unto Thee will I pray.—Ps. v. 2.

God is in heaven, and can He hear
A little prayer like mine?
Yes, thoughtful child, thou need'st not fear,
He listeneth to thine.

June 20.

OPEN Thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law.—Ps. cxix. 18.

Jesus, my Saviour and my Lord,
To Thee I lift mine eyes;
Teach and instruct me by Thy Word,
And make me truly wise.

June 21.

AND there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie. —Rev. xxi. 27.

How bright the golden gates must shine
That let no evil in!
That boundless region how divine
That hath no room for sin!

June 22.

THE wicked flee when no man pursueth; but the righteous are bold as a lion. —PROV. xxviii. 1.

Yes, well may sinners tremble
At every danger near;
But if the Lord is on our side,
Why should we ever fear?

June 23.

THIS is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.—1 JOHN iii. 11.

Sweet the message Thou hast sent us,
Blessed Saviour, from above;
Help us gladly to obey it,
Walking all in peace and love.

June 24.

A GOOD name is rather to be chosen than great riches.—PROV. xxii. 1.

Oh for the noble mind
That will not stoop to shame,
But strives to leave behind
A spotless name!

June 25.

HE giveth to the beast his food, the young ravens which cry
cxlvii. 9.

Beneath the spreading heavens
No creature but is fed;
And God, who feeds the ravens,
Will give His children bread.

June 26.

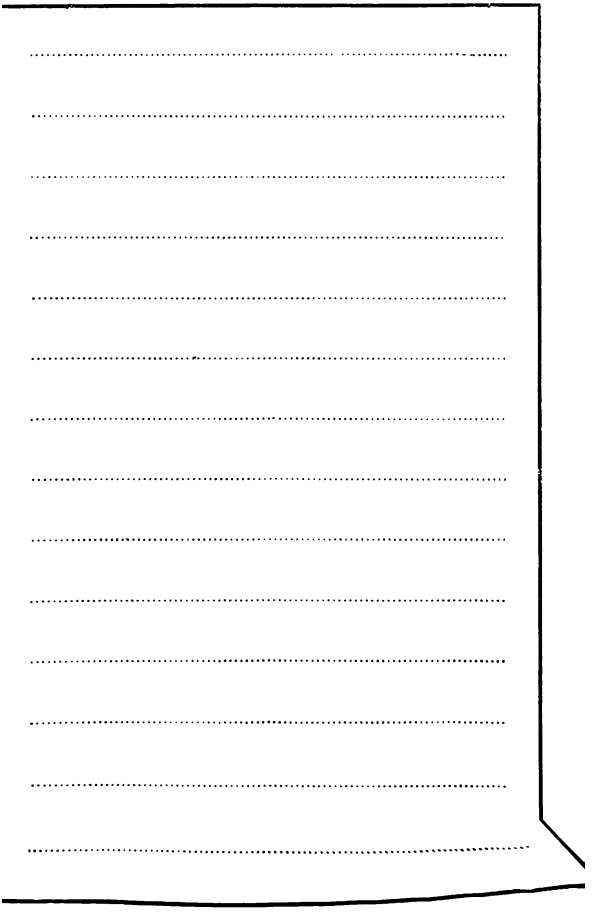
SHE openeth her mouth with wi
and in her tongue is the
kindness.—PROV. xxxi. 26.

Kind words can never die,
Honoured and blest;
God knows how deep they lie
Stored in the breast!

June 27.

WHEREFORE, putting away lying
every man truth with his neig
—EPH. iv. 25.

An honest, truthful word,
It has a tongue of flame;
On wings of wind it flies abroad,
And wins a heavenly fame.



June 28.

THE angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them.—Ps. xxxiv. 7.

The hosts of God encamp around
The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance He affords to all
Who in His promise trust.

June 29.

COME, ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. —Ps. xxxiv. 11.

Let children to the Saviour come,
From college and from hall;
For in His kingdom there is room,
And in His love, for all.

June 30.

BE content with such things as ye have; for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.—HEB. xiii. 5.

From day to day we humbly own
The hand that feeds us still;
Give us our bread, and teach to rest
Contented in Thy will.

July 1.

THEN there were brought un
little children, that He shc
His hands on them, and pray.—M
13.

Well pleased these little ones to see,
The dear Redeemer smiled;
Oh, then, He will not frown on me,
A poor, unworthy child!

July 2.

WHOSOEVER therefore shall
himself as this little child, t
is greatest in the kingdom of he
MATT. xviii. 4.

Jesus, Lord, we look to Thee,
Meek and humble may we be;
Pride and anger put away,
Love Thee better day by day.

July 3.

AS for such as turn aside un
crooked ways, the Lord sh
them forth with the workers of ini
Ps. cxxv. 5.

May we hate a lying tongue,
Never seek each other's wrong;
From the paths of sin abstain—
Paths that lead to shame and pain

July 4.

THE trumpet shall sound; and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.—1 COR. xv. 52.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
With joy behold the Judgment Day.

July 5.

HE will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces.—ISA. xxv. 8.

There's a beautiful land on high;
Then why should I fear to die?
Since death is the way to the realms of day,
In that beautiful land on high.

July 6.

A BRUISED reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench.—ISA. xlii. 3.

He 'll never quench the smoking flax,
But raise it to a flame;
A bruised reed He never breaks,
Nor scorns the meanest name.

July 7.

LEARN to do well; seek judgment; relieve the oppressed; judge the fatherless; plead for the widow.—ISA. i. 17.

To comfort and to bless,
To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless,
Is angels' work below.

July 8.

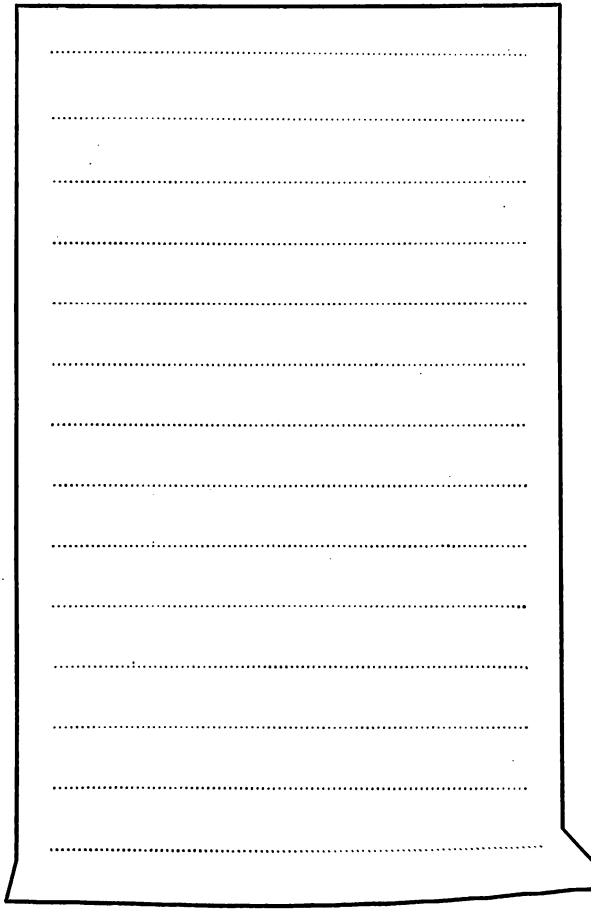
AND a man shall be as an hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest.—ISA. xxxii. 2.

Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
Till the storm of life be past!
Safe into the haven guide,
Oh, receive my soul at last!

July 9.

AND in the fourth watch of the night Jesus came unto them, walking on the sea.—MATT. xiv. 25.

Oh, I love to think of Jesus by the sea!
How He walked upon the wave,
His beloved ones to save,
While He brought them safely o'er the stormy sea.



July 10.

SLOTHFULNESS casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.—PROV. xix. 15.

Idle boys and girls are found
Standing on the devil's ground:
He will find them work to do,
He will pay their wages too.

July 11.

HE that loveth father or mother more than Me, is not worthy of Me.—MATT. x. 37.

O Jesus, God and man,
On Thee for grace we children call;
Make us all men to love,
But Thee to love beyond them all!

July 12.

THE Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.—Ps. cxxi. 5.

O God, most great and good!
At work or play, by night or day,
Make us remember Thee,
Who dost remember us alway.

July 13.

THEIR children shall
their heart shall r
—ZECH. x. 7.

We are travelling h
In the way our fath
They are happy now
Soon their happines

July 14.

AND Ruth said, Intr
thee, or to retu
after thee.—RUTH i. 16.

Join we God's people
Quit the vain world li
With them resolved o
Rejoice or suffer, live

July 15.

AS for man, his days
flower of the field
—Ps. ciii. 15.

Frail children
And feeble a
In God we will
He never ca

July 16.

E is not here: for He is risen, as He said, Come, see the place where the lay.—MATT. xxviii. 6.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal,
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids Him rise,
Christ hath opened paradise.

July 17.

ORD, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest.—LUKE ix. 57.

I would a youthful pilgrim be,
Resolved alone to follow Thee,
Thou Lamb of God, who now art gone
Up to Thine everlasting throne.

July 18.

ND no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thou-, which were redeemed from the earth EV. xiv. 3.

But every voice in yonder throng
On earth has breathed a prayer;
No lips untaught may join that song,
Or learn the music there.

July 19.

AND this is His commandment, That we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another. —1 JOHN iii. 23.

Ye children, fear the Lord,
And love each other too;
Still seek His face, believe His word,
And He will prosper you.

July 20.

FOR God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.—ECCLES. xii. 14.

O God, Thy wondrous grace impart,
Thy Spirit's cleansing power;
That only can prepare my heart
For that important hour.

July 21.

BECAUSE thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before Me, . . . I also have heard thee, saith the Lord. —2 KINGS xxii. 19.

Saviour, while my heart is tender,
I would yield that heart to Thee;
All my powers to Thee surrender,
Thine, and only Thine to be.

July 22.

THE Lord's throne is in heaven: His eyes behold, His eyelids try, the children of men.—Ps. xi. 4.

Oh! how could children tell a lie,
Or cheat in play, or steal, or fight,
If they remembered God was by,
And had them always in His sight?

July 23.

AND she called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after Him that seeth me?—Gen. xvi. 13.

If some good minister is near,
It makes us careful what we do:
And how much more ought we to fear
The Lord who sees us through and through?

July 24.

FEAR God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.—Eccles. xii. 13.

Hear we not a voice from heaven,
To the listening spirit given?
Children, come! it seems to say,
Give your hearts to Christ to-day.

July 25.

THIS we commanded you, would not work, neither eat.—2 THESS. iii. 10.

He that toils not for his bread,
Ought not to be clothed or fed
He deserves reproach and shan
And the sluggard's hated name

July 26.

LET us therefore follow afte
which make for peace, wherewith one may edify anot xiv. 19.

How happy are the sons of peace
Their hearts and hopes are one
And kind designs to serve and pl
Through all their actions run!

July 27.

NOT rendering evil for evil, for railing; but contrariwi —1 PET. iii. 9.

Our tongues were made to bless
And not speak ill of men;
When others give a railing word,
We must not rail again.

July 28.

EYE hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.—1 COR. ii. 9.

Oh heaven of bliss! could mortal eyes
But half its charms explore,
How would our spirits long to rise,
And dwell on earth no more!

July 29.

THEN shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the Bridegroom.—MATT. xxv. 1.

I will serve the Lord ere my sight is dimmed
By the world's blinding light;
And I will not wait, with my lamp untrimmed,
Till the dreary hours of night.

July 30.

BLESSED are those servants, whom the Lord, when He cometh, shall find watching.—LUKE xii. 37.

Oh happy servant he
In such a posture found!
He shall his Lord with rapture see,
And be with honour crowned.

July 31.

WHATSOEVER thy hand findet
do it with thy might.—ECCLE:

Go and work in any vineyard,
Do not fear to do and dare ;
If we want a field of labour,
We can find it anywhere.

August 1.

HAVING loved His own which
the world, He loved them 1
end.—JOHN xiii. 1.

Jesus loves me : this I know,
For the Bible tells me so ;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but He is strong

August 2.

BUT God commendeth His lov
us, in that, while we were yet
Christ died for us.—ROM. v. 8.

Jesus loves me: He who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide,
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

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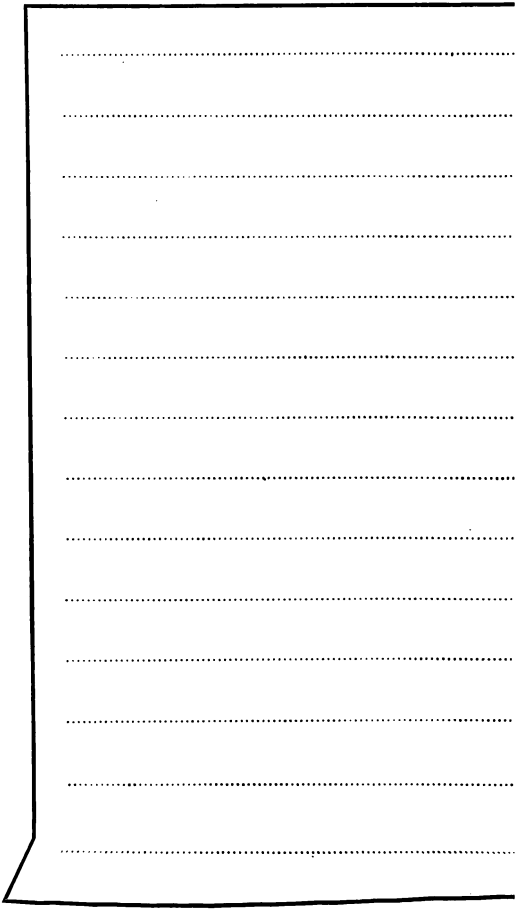


August 3.

AND great multitudes were gathered unto Him, so that He went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore.—MATT. xiii. 2.

Oh, I love to think of Jesus by the sea!
And I love the precious word
Which He spake to them that heard,
While He taught the waiting people by the sea.

August 4.

IN Thy presence is fulness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.—PS. xvi. 11.

O happy, happy country! where
There entereth not a sin;
And death, who keeps the portals fair,
Can never once come in.

August 5.

LOOK unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else.—ISA. xlv. 22.

Come, children, 'tis Jesus commands,
The voice of your Saviour obey;
When Jesus inviting you stands,
No trifles should turn you away.

August 6.

WE will bless the Lord from thi forth and for evermore. Pra Lord.—Ps. cxv. 18.

To Him let us give our earliest days,
And thankfully live to publish His praise;
Our lives shall confess Him, who came from
Our tongues ever bless Him, and tell of His

August 7.

HALLOW My Sabbaths; and the be a sign between Me and yo ye may know that I am the Lord you —EZEK. xx. 20.

Another six days' work is done,
Another Sabbath is begun;
Return, my soul, enjoy the rest;
Improve the day thy God has blest.

August 8.

THEN they that feared the Lord often one to another; and th hearkened, and heard it.—MAL. iii. 16

Every name to-day is "Brother,"
All our motto "Love each other;"
Jesus' love our only story,
Jesus' conquests all our glory.

August 9.

AND a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name. —MAL. iii. 16.

When He reveals the book of life,
Oh, may I read my name,
Among the chosen of His love,
The followers of the Lamb !

August 10.

HE that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.—Ps. xxxiv. 12, 13.

Order my footsteps in Thy Word,
And make my lips sincere ;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

August 11.

GOD resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.—1 PET v. 5.

The weak at last the earth possess,
And are the heirs of heaven ;
True riches, with abundant grace,
To humble souls are given.

August 12.

THOSE that be planted in the hou
the Lord shall flourish in the c
of our God.—Ps. xcii. 13.

The plants of grace shall ever live;
Nature decays, but grace must thrive;
Time, that doth all things else impair,
Still makes them flourish, strong and fai

August 13.

BUT now they desire a better cou
that is, an heavenly.—HEB. xi. 1

While in a world of sin and woe,
Let me not choose it as my home;
But like a stranger here below,
Look for a better land to come.

August 14.

THY word is very pure: therefore
servant loveth it.—Ps. cxix. 140

Help me to read this volume o'er,
With new and fresh delight;
Help me to love its Author more,
To seek Thee day and night.

August 18.

TURN away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken Thou me in Thy way.—Ps. cxix. 37.

Direct us in the narrow way,
Oh, guide our steps therein!
And ever turn our eyes away
From vanity and sin.

August 19.

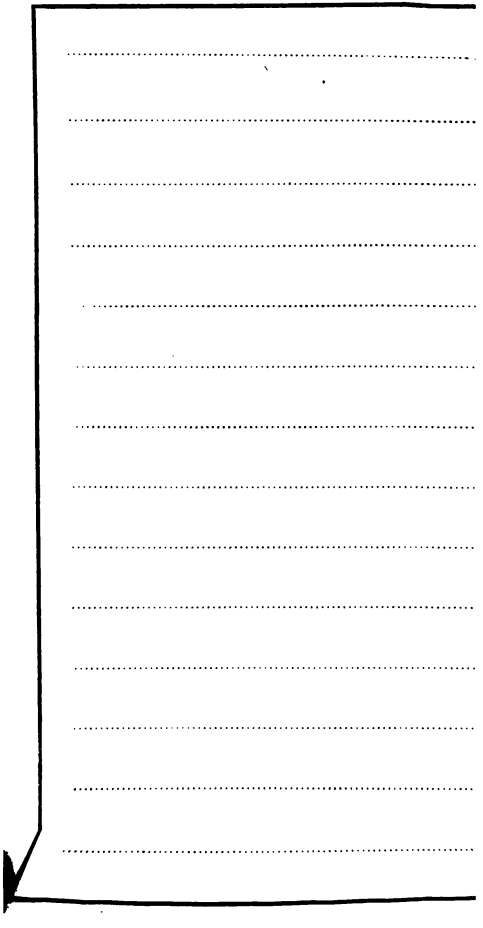
AND the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto Me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward. —Exod. xiv. 15.

Though thy path be through the sea,
Israel, what is that to thee?
He who bids thee cross the waters,
Will be with His sons and daughters

August 20.

FEAR thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God.—Isa. xli. 10.

Put thou thy trust in God,
In duty's path go on;
Fix on His work thy constant eye,
So shall thy work be done.



August 21.

BUT godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.—1 TIM. iv. 8.

How vast the treasure we possess !
How rich Thy bounty, God of grace !
This world is ours, and worlds to come,—
Earth is our lodge, and heaven our home.

August 22.

I WILL be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.—HOS. xiv. 5.

As on every plant and flower
Falls the soft reviving dew,
Grant us, Lord, Thy Spirit's power,
All our nature to renew.

August 23.

FOR riches are not for ever; and doth the crown endure to every generation ?—PROV. xxvii. 24.

The crown that decks the monarch
Is not the crown for me ;
It dazzles but a moment,
Its brightness soon will flee.

August 24.

BLESSED is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him.—JAMES i. 12.

But oh! the crown prepared above,
For all who walk in humble love,
For ever bright shall be,—
Oh, that 's the crown for me!

August 25.

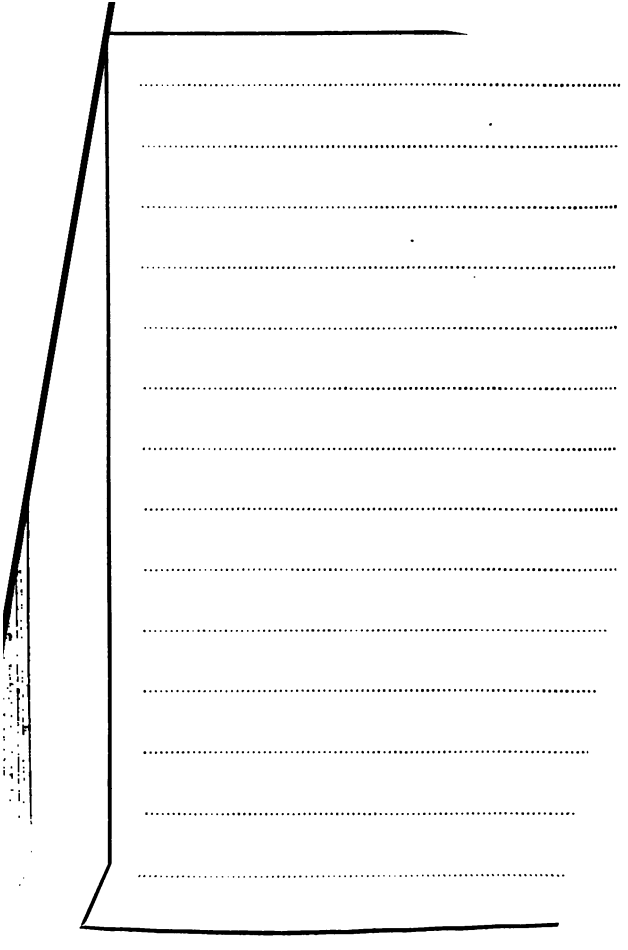
AND the Lord shall be King over all the earth; in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one.—ZECH. xiv. 9.

Now be the gospel banner
In every land unfurled;
And let the loud "Hosanna!"
Re-echo through the world.

August 26.

FROM the rising of the sun even the going down of the same, M name shall be great among the Gentiles MAL. i. 11.

Let every isle and nation,
Let every tribe and tongue,
Receive the great salvation,
And join the happy throng.



August 27.

DRAW nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.—JAMES iv. 8.

Thou hast told us to draw nigh,
Lord, behold me, here am I!
Let me now Thy promise prove,
Draw Thou near to me in love.

August 28.

THE righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree; he shall grow like a cedar ebanon.—Ps. xcii. 12.

Lord, 'tis a pleasant thing to stand
In gardens planted by Thine hand;
Let me within Thy courts be seen,
Like a young cedar, fresh and green.

August 29.

WIDE is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many e be which go in thereat.—MATT. vii. 13.

The road that many travel
Is not the road for me;
It leads to death and sorrow,
In it I would not be.

August 30.

AND an highway shall be there, and way, and it shall be called, The Way of Holiness.—ISA. xxxv. 8.

But there 's a road that leads to God
By means of Christ's most precious blood:
The passage here is free,—
Oh, that 's the road for me!

August 31.

THE pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing. —Ps. lxv. 13.

We praise the great, the liberal hand
That scatters blessings o'er the land;
The yellow fields around proclaim
His mighty, everlasting name.

September 1.

THE foxes have holes, and the bird the air have nests; but the Son man hath not where to lay His head.—M viii. 20.

Every bird can build its nest,
Foxes have their place of rest;
He by whom the world was made
Had not where to lay His head.

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September 2.

HE humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.—PHIL. ii. 8.

Thus He laid His glory by,
When for us He stooped to die;
How I wonder when I see
His unbounded love to me!

September 3.

FOR I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. -JOHN xiii. 15.

What He bids us let us do;
Where He leads us let us go;
As He loves us, let our love
Daily rise to Him above.

September 4.

AND there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of sun; for the Lord God giveth them light. EV. xxii. 5.

In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its light, its joy, its crown,
Thou its sun which goes not down.

September 5.

AND unto one He gave five talei another two, and to another or every man according to his several abi MATT. XXV. 15.

God intrusts to all
Talents few or many;
None so young or small,
That they have not any.

September 6.

AFTER a long time the lord of servants cometh, and reckonetl them.—MATT. XXV. 19.

God will surely ask,
Ere I enter heaven,
Have I done the task
Which to me was given?

September 7.

FOR thus saith the Lord God, Beh even I, will both search My s and seek them out.—EZEK. XXXIV. 11.

See Israel's tender Shepherd stands,
With all-engaging charms;
Hark! how He calls the tender lambs,
And folds them in His arms.

September 8.

I WILL feed My flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.—EZEK. xxxiv. 15.

He 'll lead us to the heavenly streams,
Where living waters flow,
And guide us to the fruitful fields,
Where trees of knowledge grow.

September 9.

I WILL seek that which was lost . . . and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick.—EZEK. xxxiv. 16.

The feeblest lamb amidst the flock
Shall be the Shepherd's care;
While folded in the Saviour's arms
We 're safe from every snare.

September 10.

THE blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it.—PROV. x. 22.

The heavenly heritage is theirs,
Their portion and their home;
He feeds them now, and makes them heirs
Of blessings yet to come.

September 11.

HATH not God chosen the poo world rich in faith, and hei kingdom which He hath promised that love Him?—JAMES ii. 5.

God has love for all His children,
Rich and poor, and high and low
All shall meet with joy in heaven
Who have served Him here belov

September 12.

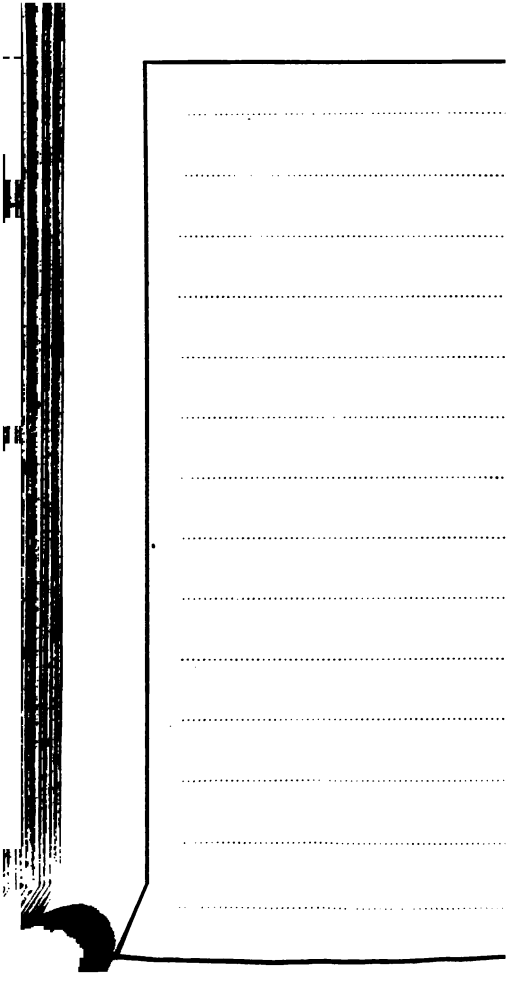
LIKEWISE, I say unto you, joy in the presence of the God over one sinner that repenteth xv. 10.

Yes, angels rejoice with pure, deep joy
When a penitent sinner they see,—
Oh! well may each of us ask our hea
"Have they ever rejoiced over me?

September 13.

FOR He must reign till He ha enemies under His feet.— xv. 25.

Gird on thy sword victorious,
Immanuel, Prince of Peace
The triumph shall be glorious
Ere yet the battle cease.



September 14.

THOU therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.— 2 TIM. ii. 3.

Come and join the army, the army of the Lord,
Jesus is our Captain, we rally at His word;
Sharp will be the conflict with the powers of sin,
But with such a Leader, we are sure to win.

September 15.

THE Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought.—ROM. viii. 26.

O Thou that hearest prayer! attend our humble cry,
And let Thy children share Thy blessing from on high.
We plead the promise of Thy word,—
Grant us Thy Holy Spirit, Lord!

September 16.

WE will go into His tabernacles; we will worship at His footstool.—Ps. cxxxii. 7.

Come to the house of prayer,
Where Jesu's people meet;
Pour out before Him all your care,
Seek mercy at His feet.

September 17.

AND Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and He healed their sick.—MATT. xiv. 14.

Compassion and pity are joined
In Jesus, the sinner's best Friend:
The cripple, the deaf, and the blind,
The helpless, He deigns to attend.

September 18.

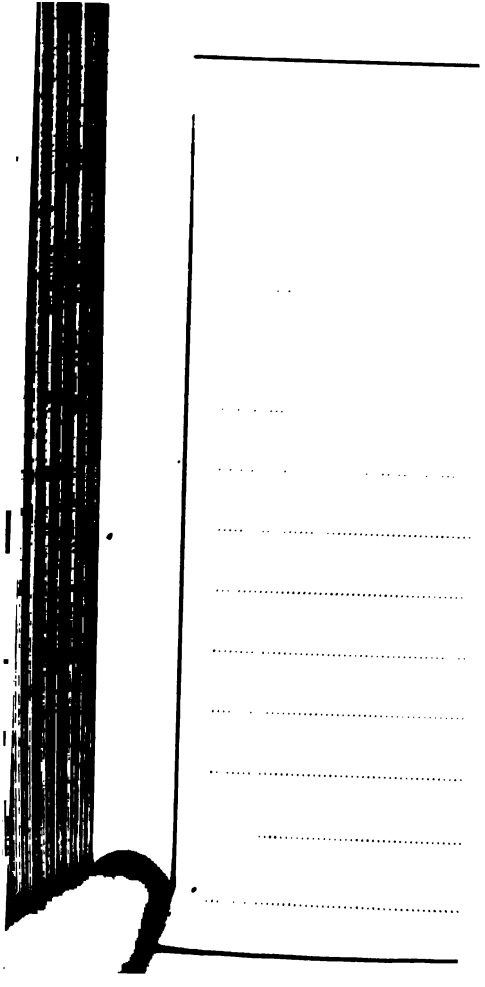
LET us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.—HEB. iv. 16.

Oh, let us poor sinners now flee
To Jesus for pardon and grace;
There's mercy for you and for me,
For all who in truth seek His face.

September 19.

WORTHY is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.—REV. v. 12.

Jesus is worthy to receive
Honour and power divine,
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, for ever Thine!



September 20.

CONFESS your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.—JAMES v. 16.

Let us pray for one another,
When we kneel before the throne;
For a sister or a brother,
Let us make their care our own.

September 21.

BY this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another.—JOHN xiii. 35.

Let us not forget to cherish
Tender thoughts for all below,
And to pray that none may perish,
But the way of life may know.

September 22.

BUT unto Thee have I cried, O Lord; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent Thee.—Ps. lxxxviii. 13.

In the morning hear my voice,
Let me in Thy light rejoice;
God, my Sun! my strength renew,
Send Thy blessing down like dew.

September 23.

BLESSED is the man that heareth Me, watching daily at My gates, waiting at the posts of My doors.—PROV. viii. 34.

Through the duties of the day
Give me grace to watch and pray;
Live as always seeing Thee,
Knowing "Thou, God, seest me."

September 24.

PRAISE ye Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all ye stars of light.—Ps. cxlviii. 3.

When the daily work is done,
And the stars succeed the sun,
Songs of praise with prayer unite,
Crown the day, and hail the night.

September 25.

PRAISE the Lord, for it is good; sing praises unto His name; for it is pleasant.—Ps. cxxxv. 3.

When children join in singing
The mighty Saviour's praise,
It is on earth beginning
The endless song to raise.

September 26.

HE that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?—1 JOHN iv. 20.

Grant that we may love each other,
Mindful of Thy holy word—
He that loveth not his brother,
Surely cannot love the Lord.

September 27.

NOW therefore hearken unto me, O ye children; for blessed are they that keep My ways.—PROV. viii. 32.

Oh! is there one of us will dare
To turn from wisdom's pleasant way?
The thought is what we cannot bear,
We humbly hope we never may.

September 28.

GATHER ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into My barn.—MATT. xiii. 30.

So shall the angels issue forth,
The tares be burnt, the just of earth,
To wind and storm exposed no more,
Be gathered to their Father's store.

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October 2.

WHOSOEVER shall be ashamed of Me, and of My words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed.—LUKE ix. 26.

Ashamed to be a Christian!
My guilty fear, depart;
I will not heed the tempter
That whispers in my heart.

October 3.

ENTER not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.—PROV. iv. 14.

Oh for a holy fear
Of every evil way,
That we may never venture near
The path that leads astray!

October 4.

THEN said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak; for I am a child.—JER. i. 6.

My God, I am a feeble child,
Oh, teach me to obey,
With humble fear to serve Thee here,
To watch, and praise, and pray.

October 5.

AND Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.—LUKE ii. 52.

I love to think that He who spoke
And made the blind to see,
And called the sleeping dead to wake,
Was once a child like me.

October 6.

THE Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.—JAMES v. 11.

The same as He was
Still He is and will be;
His mercies are countless
For you as for me.

October 7.

THOU shalt not be afraid for the te by night, nor for the arrow flieth by day.—Ps. xci. 5.

Plagues and death around me fly,
Till He bids, I cannot die;
Not a single shaft can hit
Till the Lord of life sees fit.

October 8.

TRUST in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.—PROV. iii. 5.

My strength is very weak,
And small my wisdom, too;
How blessed, then, to trust the Lord
In all things that I do!

October 9.

IN all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.—PROV. iii. 6.

Lead us in holiness, the road
That we must take to dwell with God;
Lead us by Christ, the living Way,
Nor let us from His pastures stray.

October 10.

THE sun to rule by day: the moon and stars to rule by night: for His mercy endureth for ever.—Ps. cxxxvi. 8, 9.

Sun, moon, and stars, Thy love proclaim
In every golden ray;
Love draws the curtain of the night,
And love brings back the day.

October 11.

AND the apostles said unto the L
Increase our faith.—LUKE xvii. 5

Oh, help us through the prayer of faith
More firmly to believe !
For still the more Thy children have,
The more they shall receive

October 12.

HE will fulfil the desire of them that
Him: He also will hear their
and will save them.—Ps. cxlv. 19.

To heaven can reach the softest word,
A child's repenting prayer ;
For tears are seen, and sighs are heard,
And thoughts regarded there.

October 13.

SURELY the isles shall wait for me,
the ships of Tarshish first, to b
thy sons from far, their silver and their
with them.—ISA. lx. 9.

Shout the tidings of salvation,
Mingling with the ocean's roar,
Till the ships of every nation
Bear the news from shore to shore!

October 14.

AND I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes.—EZEK. xxxvi. 27.

Oh, make Thy rest within my breast,
Great Spirit of all grace!
Make me like Thee, so shall I be
Prepared to see Thy face.

October 15.

THE beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him, and the Lord shall cover him all the day long.—DEUT. xxxiii. 12.

He 'll keep you when the storm is wild,
And when the flood is near;
Oh, trust Him, trust Him as a child,
And you have nought to fear!

October 16.

WHO is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God, angels, and authorities, and powers, being made subject unto Him.—1 PET. iii. 22.

There for Him high triumph waits,
Lift your heads, eternal gates!
He hath conquered death and sin,
Take the King of Glory in!

October 17.

SEEK those things which a
where Christ sitteth on the r
of God.—COL. iii. 1.

Lord, though parted from our sig
Far above the starry height,
Grant our hearts may thither rise
Seeking Thee above the skies.

October 18.

AND they that be wise shall
the brightness of the firmam
they that turn many to righteousne
stars for ever and ever.—DAN. xii.

The morning shall awaken,
The shadows shall decay,
And each true-hearted servant
Shall shine as doth the day.

October 19.

IF any man will come after M
deny himself, and take up
and follow Me.—MATT. xvi. 24.

Take up thy cross and follow Chris
Nor think till death to lay it dow
For only he who bears the cross
May hope to wear the glorious c

October 20.

PRAISE ye the Lord from the heavens: praise Him in the heights. Praise ye Him, all His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts.—Ps. cxlviii. 1, 2.

All the heights of heaven adore Him,
Angel hosts His praises sing!
Let no tongue on earth be silent,
Every voice in concert ring.

October 21.

AND to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.—EPHES. iii. 19.

No tongue of mortal can express—
No pen can write this blessedness;
He only, who hath proved it, knows
What bliss from love of Jesus flows.

October 22.

AS one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.—ISA. lxvi. 13.

No earthly father loves like Thee,
No mother e'er so mild,
Bears and forbears as Thou hast done,
With many a sinful child.

October 23.

THY will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.—MATT. vi. 10.

We pray for child-like hearts,
For gentle, holy love,
For strength to do Thy will on earth
As angels do above.

October 24.

INASMUCH as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.—MATT. xxv. 40.

Thy face with reverence and love
We in Thy poor would see;
Oh, may we minister to them,
And in them, Lord, to Thee.

October 25.

AND he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come.—LUKE xix. 13.

Oh, that each in the day
Of His coming, may say,
I have fought my way through!
I have finished the work Thou hast given me to do!

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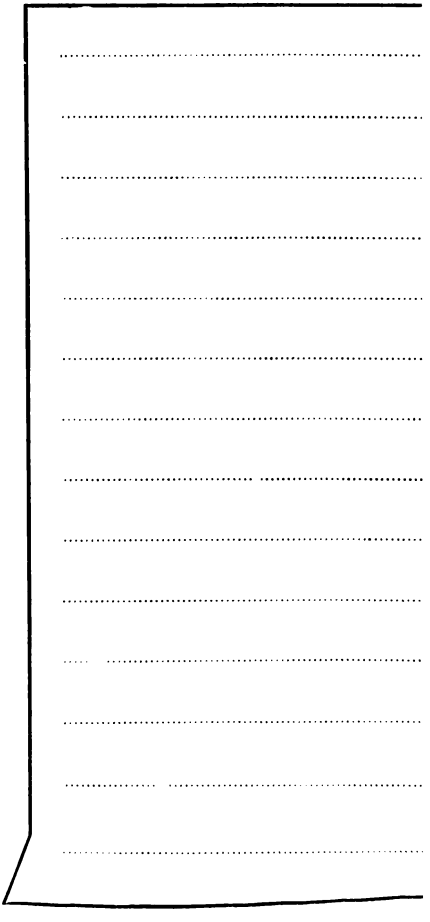


October 26.

CHILDREN, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.—COL. iii. 20.

Then when years are gathering o'er them,
When they 're sleeping in the grave,
Sweet will seem the love we bore them,
Right the reverence we gave.

October 27.

THE rich and poor meet together; the Lord is the Maker of them all.—PROV. xxii. 2.

God has given to each his station:
Some have riches and high place;
Some have lowly home and labour;
All may have His precious grace.

October 28.

WHAT time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee.—Ps. lvi. 3.

While Thou art near I need not fear
The gloom of midnight hour;
Blest Jesus, still from every ill
Defend me with Thy power.

October 29.

AND now, behold, I have brought the first-fruits of the land which Thou, O Lord, hast given me.—DEUT. xxvi. 10.

Like Israel, Lord, we give
Our earliest fruits to Thee,
And pray that long as we may live
We may Thy children be.

October 30.

SIX days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God.—EXOD. xx. 9, 10.

All the days of labour ended one by one,
Glad are we the six days' work is done,
Glad to have a day of sweet and holy rest,
'Tis the day the Lord our God has blest.

October 31.

FOR whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of the Scriptures, might have hope.—ROM. xv. 4.

Book of hope! the spirit sighing
Sweetest comfort finds in thee,
As it hears the Saviour crying,
"Come, come to me!"

November 1.

I DWELL in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit.—ISA. lvii. 15.

God to the lowly soul
  Doth still Himself impart,
And for His dwelling and His throne
  Chooseth the contrite heart.

November 2.

BLESSED are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.—MATT. v. 8.

Lord, we Thy presence seek,
  May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
  A temple meet for Thee.

November 3.

OH, taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.—Ps. 34. 8.

Oh, make but trial of His love,
  Experience will decide
How blest are they, and only they,
  Who in His truth confide!

November 4.

AND take the helmet of salvat
the sword of the Spirit, whi
Word of God.—EPH. vi. 17.

Oh, may I find my armour there,
Thy Word my trusty sword!
I 'll learn to fight with every foe
The battle of the Lord.

November 5.

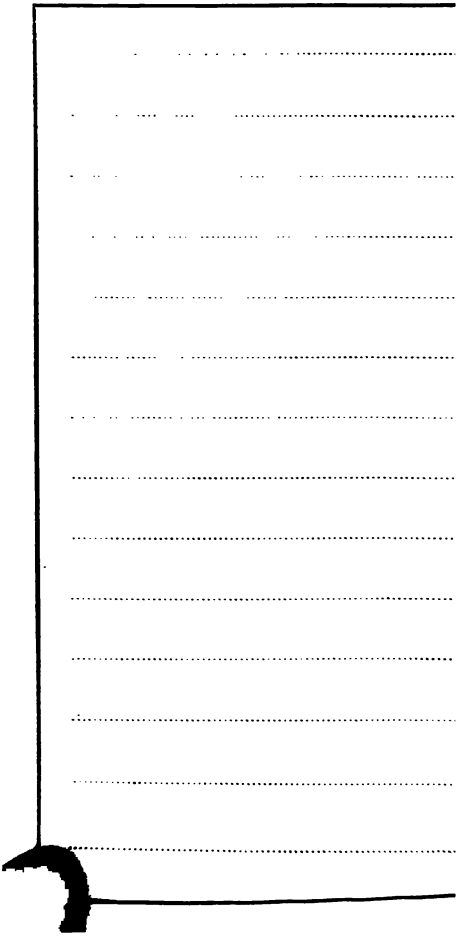
CHRIST also hath loved us, a
given Himself for us.—EPH

We read Thy power where'er we tur
Around, beneath, above;
But to Thy cross we come to learn
The history of Thy love.

November 6.

TRUST in Him at all times; ye
pour out your hearts befor
God is a refuge for us.—Ps. lxii. 8.

Oh, not a joy or blessing
With this we can compare—
The power that He hath given us
To pour our souls in prayer!



November 7.

WHO provideth for the raven his food? when his young ones cry unto God, they wander for lack of meat.—JOB xxxviii. 41.

Thou canst for all my wants provide,
And bless my homely crust;
The ravens cry, and are supplied,
And ought not I to trust?

November 8.

THIS poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.—Ps. xxxiv. 6.

In sore temptation, pain, or grief,
Whate'er our lot on earth may be,
Teach us to seek and find relief
In every time of need from Thee.

November 9.

FELIX trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.—ACTS xxiv. 25.

Oh, 'tis a folly and a crime
To put religion by;
To-day is our accepted time,
To-morrow we may die!

November 10.

FATHER, I will that they also whom Thou hast given Me be with Me where I am; that they may behold My glory. —JOHN xvii. 24.

Christ will gather in His own
To the place where He is gone,
Where their heart and treasure lie,
Where their life is hid on high.

November 11.

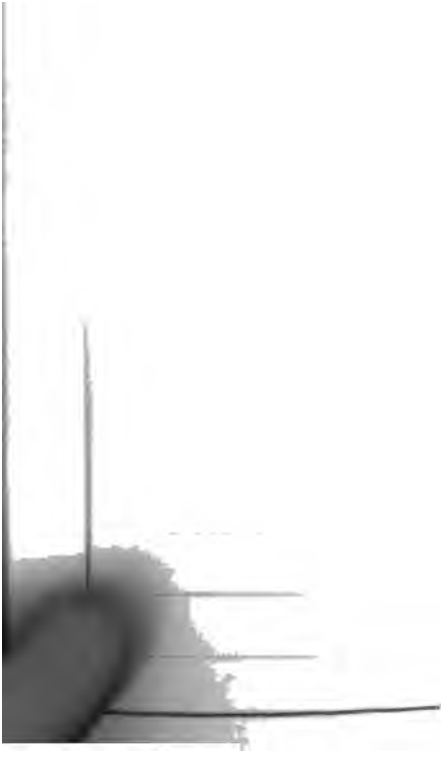
THE blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.—HEB. xii. 24.

Abel's blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.

November 12.

AND the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room.—LUKE xiv. 22.

Yet there is room for our small feet
Upon the narrow road!
Yet there is room in Zion's street,
So golden and so broad!



November 13.

THE blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.—JOB xxix. 13.

Oh happiest work below,
Earnest of joy above,
To sweeten many a cup of woe
By deeds of holy love!

November 14.

REJOICE with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.—ROM. xii. 15.

Lord, may it be our choice,
This blessed rule to keep,—
"Rejoice with them that do rejoice,
And weep with them that weep."

November 15.

THE entrance of Thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.—PS. cxix. 130.

Who can tell the pleasure,
Who recount the treasure,
By Thy word imparted
To the simple-hearted?

November 22.

FORBEARING one another, an giving one another, if any man a quarrel against any.—COL. iii. 13.

Oh, be kindly, oh, be kindly !
Let your words be mild and true ;
Though your brother acted blindly,
Try what kindness yet can do.

November 23.

THE Lord shall preserve thee fr evil ; He shall preserve thy s Ps. cxxi. 7.

Guard us waking, guard us sleeping :
And when we die,
May we in Thy mighty keeping
All peaceful lie.

November 24.

GOD will redeem my soul fron power of the grave; for He receive me.—Ps. xlix. 15.

When the last dread call shall wake us,
Do not Thou our God forsake us ;
But to dwell in glory take us
With Thee on high.

November 25.

AND when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, His name was called JESUS.—LUKE ii. 21.

There is a name I love to hear,
I love to speak its worth,
It sounds like music to my ear,
The sweetest name on earth.

November 26.

WHEREFORE God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name that is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.—PHIL. ii. 9, 10.

Jesus! the name I love so well,
The name I love to hear;
No sound on earth its worth can tell,
No heart conceive how dear.

November 27.

BE careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.—PHIL. iv. 6.

Thou art coming to a King,
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and power are such
None can ever ask too much!

November 28.

BUY the truth, and sell it not; dom, and instruction, and un ing.—PROV. xxiii. 23.

We won't give up the Bible
For pleasure or for pain;
We'll buy the truth, and sell it
For all that we might gain.

November 29.

HE sendeth forth His comm upon earth; His word runi swiftly.—Ps. cxlvii. 15.

We won't give up the Bible,
But spread it far and wide,
Until its saving voice be heard
Beyond the rolling tide.

November 30.

LET your light so shine bef that they may see your goc and glorify your Father which is ir —MATT. v. 16.

Jesus bids us shine now, for all around
Many kinds of darkness in the world
Sin, and want, and sorrow; so we mu
You in, your small corner, and l in

December 1.

AND I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth.—REV. xiv. 6.

The gospel banner wide unfurled
Shall wave in triumph o'er the world,
And every creature, bond and free,
Shall hail the glorious jubilee.

December 2.

SING unto the Lord a new song, and His praise from the end of the earth. —ISA. xlii. 10.

And oh! what joyous music
Is the missionary-song,
When it seems to come from every heart,
And sounds from every tongue!

December 3.

AND even to your old age I am He; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you.—ISA. xlvi. 4.

Attend me through my youthful way,
Whatever be my lot;
And when I'm feeble, old, and grey,
O Lord, forsake me not.

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[illegible] joy and gladness, [illegible] sorrow and sighing shall flee away.—Isa. xxxv. 10.

Oh for the body free from pain,
The spirit free from sin,
Which God will give to the souls that live,
Who dwell this course within!

December 7.

CASTING all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.—1 PET. v. 7.

My way may be long, and sorrows betide,—
I'll cheerful go on while He is my Guide;
He knows all my weakness, whatever it be,
In toil, pain, and sickness, "He careth for me."

December 8.

AND one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory.—ISA. vi. 3.

The angel hosts above
His holy name adore,
And we, the children of His love,
Should praise Him evermore.

December 9.

THE Lord is good to all; and His tender mercies are over all His works.—PS. cxlv. 9.

Teach me, O Lord, where'er I move,
To seek some trace of Thee,
And read some record of Thy love
In everything I see.

December 10.

I WILL give Thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise Thee among much people.—Ps. xxxv. 18.

Lord, how delightful 'tis to see
A whole assembly worship Thee!
At once they sing, they read, they pray,
They hear of heaven, and learn the way.

December 11.

BUT if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out.—NUM. xxxii. 23.

Be sure your sin will find you out,
Howe'er you may conceal it;
God knows it all, nor can you doubt
He will at last reveal it.

December 12.

MY beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.—SONG OF SOL. vi. 2.

He numbers all His blossoms—
The smallest flowers must be
As precious to the Master
As palm or cedar tree

December 13.

BLESSED is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.—Ps. xli. 1.

Whene'er I take my walks abroad
How many poor I see!
What shall I render to my God
For all His gifts to me?

December 14.

AND, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.—MATT. ii. 9.

Lord, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where we need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

December 15.

WHEN they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.—MATT. ii. 10.

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding-star behold;
So, most gracious God, may we
*Joy*fully be led by Thee.

December [illegible]

[illegible] man that findeth wisdom. [illegible] man that getteth understand-[illegible]

[illegible] we see,
[illegible] cannot see more;
[illegible] youngest child may speak.
[illegible] for this.

December [illegible]

[illegible] we no continuing city, but [illegible] one to come.—HEB. xiii. 14.

[illegible] abiding any here,—
[illegible] were this to be our home;
[illegible] thought our spirits cheer.
[illegible] yet to come.

December 18.

NOW [illegible] forth by the right [illegible] they might go to a city of [illegible]—PS. [illegible].

[illegible] abiding any here;
We seek [illegible] out of sight;
[illegible] name; the Lord is there.
She shines with everlasting light.

December 19.

WHEN He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth.—JOHN xvi. 13.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me,
I myself would truthful be!
And with wisdom kind and clear
Let Thy life in mine appear.

December 20.

LIKEWISE the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities.—ROM. viii. 26.

Tender Spirit, dwell with me,
I myself would tender be!
Shut my heart up like a flower
In temptation's darksome hour.

December 21.

BUT Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.—GAL. iv. 26.

Jerusalem, for ever bright,
No winter there nor chill of night!
Jerusalem, for ever free,
The soul's sweet home of liberty!

December 22.

UNTO you, O men, I call; and my v
is to the sons of man. O ye sim
understand wisdom.—PROV. viii. 4, 5.

Welcome, children, Jesus says,
Welcome all to wisdom's ways;
In My service spend your time,
Childhood's days and manhood's prime.

December 23.

I MUST work the works of Him
sent Me, while it is day; the n
cometh, when no man can work.—JOHN i

Work, for the night is coming,
Work through the sunny noon;
Fill brightest hours with labour,
Rest cometh sure and soon.

December 24.

BUT as truly as I live, all the earth s
be filled with the glory of the L
—NUM. xiv. 21.

Oh, the happy time is coming,
When the gospel trumpet's sound
Shall be heard by every nation
To the earth's remotest bound!

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December 25.

AND the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.—LUKE ii. 10.

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies!
With the angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

December 26.

GLORY to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men!—LUKE ii. 14.

And we with holy angels
Repeat the hymn again,—
To God on high be glory,
And peace on earth to men!

December 27.

WHILE the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, What think ye of Christ?—MATT. xxii. 41, 42.

What think ye of Christ? is the test
To try both our state and our scheme,
We cannot be right in the rest,
Unless we think rightly of Him.

December 28.

THIS same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.—ACTS i. 11.

Soon to come to earth again,
Judge of angels and of men,—
Hear us now and hear us then,
Jesus, hear and save!

December 29.

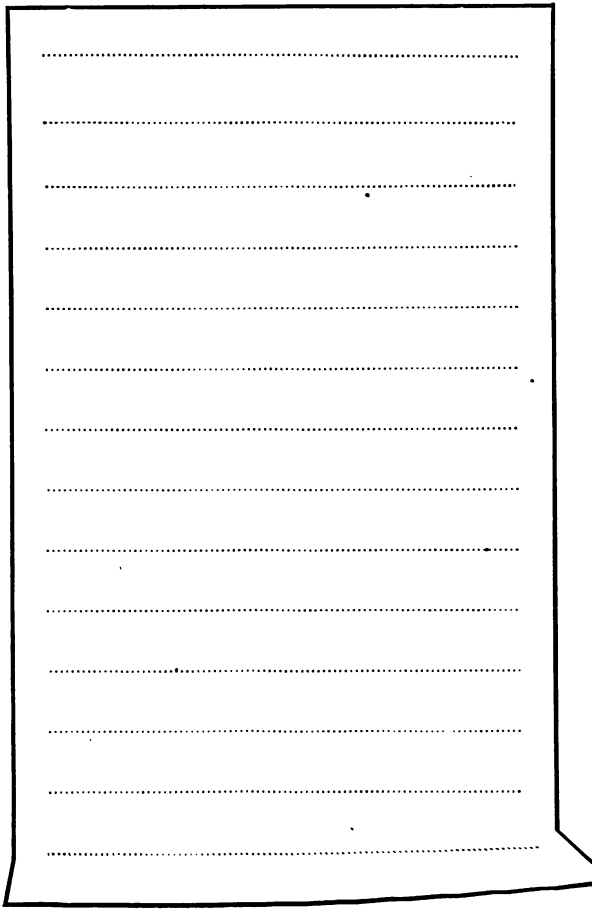
AND I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth.—REV. xiv. 13.

Happy the company that's gone
From cross to crown, from thrall to throne!
How loud they sing upon that shore
To which they sailed in heart before!

December 30.

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away.—REV. xxi. 1.

Beautiful home, where children praise,
And weary not through endless days;
Where sin and sorrow shall never come,
Home of the humble, beautiful home!



December 31.

I AM Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. — REV. xxii. 13.

'Tis Jesus, the first and the last,
Whose Spirit shall lead us safe home ;
We'll praise Him for all that is past,
And trust Him for all that's to come.